

AUTOMATIC UPDATE OF A DIRECTORY ENTRY WITHIN A  
DIRECTORY OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION  
DEVICE BY ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 A system and method are presented for updating directory entries within an  
electronic communication device upon receipt of an electronic notification. Electronic  
communication devices may include, but are not limited to telephones, facsimile  
machines and electronic organizers. The system and method as described herein allows a  
portion of a directory entry, which may be referred to as an entry content value, to be  
updated within a directory of an electronic communication device upon the receipt of an  
15 altered value. For example, if a user calls a telephone number of a person listed in a  
directory entry of the telephone and receives a message stating that the number has been  
changed, the new number may be electronically transmitted to the directory of the  
telephone. The transfer searches the directory of the telephone for the existing entry and  
updates the changed entry content value. Thus, the other entry content values within the  
20 directory are not changed.